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Application No. : 10/646,698 Group Art Unit : 2851

Filed : August 25, 2003 Examiner : David M. GRAY

For : PHOTOGRAPHING LENS HAVING AN OPTICAL ELEMENT RETRACTING MECHANISM

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
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Sir :

Prior to further examination of the above-identified patent application on
the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page **2** of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page **12** of this Amendment.

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